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ULTRAVIOLET LASER SYSTEM FOR DECOMPOSING

CHEMICAL POLLUTANTS

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Sir:

This is a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to convert this application, originally filed as a §371(a) national stage patent application on August 9, 2006, to a §111(a) application based on PCT/US2005/009500.

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#### **EXPLANATION FOR THIS PETITION**

On August 9, 2006, Applicants filed two complete U.S. national stage patent applications under 35 U.S.C. §371(a) based on the <u>same</u> international application, PCT Serial No.

PCT/US2005/009500. Each of the two applications was filed together with a Preliminary

Amendment to substitute a new set of claims for the claims pending in the international application. By means of these two new claim sets, Applicants intended to focus each of the two §371(a) applications on a different embodiment of the invention disclosed in the international application.

One of those §371(a) applications was processed as a §371(a) application and assigned U.S. Serial No. 10/588,933 with a filing date of August 9, 2006. The second application was assigned U.S. Serial No. 10/588,930; however, it was sent to Supervisor Leonard Smith in the Office of PCT Legal Administration for further consideration.

Applicants' attorney David Silverstein spoke with Supervisor Smith on September 18, 2006 about the status of U.S. Serial No. 10/588,930. David Silverstein was advised that, because Serial No. 10/588,933 was being treated as the §371(a) application, Serial No. 10/588,930 would have to be converted to a §111(a) application. Supervisor Smith said that a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 was needed to request such a conversion.

Accordingly, this is a Petition by Applicants to convert U.S. Serial No. 10/588,930 to a §111(a) application, based on international application PCT/US2005/009500, and claiming priority back to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/556,463.

U.S. Serial No. 10/588,930 was filed with a complete copy of the Specification (namely, a copy of PCT/US2005/009500, published as WO 2005/094906), a fully executed Inventor

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Declaration, the appropriate filing fees, and authorization to charge any necessary additional fees to the undersigned attorney's PTO Deposit Account. Supervisor Smith indicated that, as long as this application was filed with a copy of the complete Specification, there should be no problem with converting this to a §111(a) application. Supervisor Smith also indicated that the original August 9, 2006 filing date for this application could be maintained under these circumstances.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request favorable action on this Petition.

#### FEES

The petition fee of \$400.00 (37 CFR 1.17(f)) is paid as follows.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$400.00.

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